John Sloss, With CIA 25 Years

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John R. Sloss, 56, who worked for 25 years with the Central Intelligence Agency, died Nov. 20 at his home at Arlington Towers.

Mr. Sloss was born in Cleveland, Ohio, and graduated from Yale in 1941. In World War II he served in the U.S. Army.

After the war, Mr. Sloss studied at Columbia University's Institute of Russian Studies and received his master's degree in 1948.

Mr. Sloss joined the CIA in 1948, and served with the agency in Washington and Germany as an analyst of Soviet and East-European affairs, a briefer, a training officer, and as chief of the agency's 24-hour Watch Office. He retired in 1973.

Mr. Sloss was a regular member of the Fairlington Players and appeared in more than a dozen of that group's productions. He also was an active member of the Touchdown Club in Washington.

Mr. Sloss is survived by his mother, Doris R. Sloss, of Cleveland.